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SUBJECT: DAY OF SOLIDARITY WITH SOUTH AFRICAN POLITICAL PRISONERS,
OCTOBER 11.

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF APARTHEID COMMITTEE APPEAL
OF SEPTEMBER 22.

QUOTE

THE UNITED NATIONS SPECIAL COMMITTEE AGAINST APARTHEID SOLOMNL
APPEALS TO ALL GOVERNMENTS, ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS TO OBSERVE
11 OCTOBER 1976 AS THE DAY OF SOLIDARITY WITH SOUTH AFRICAN POLITICAL
PRISONERS. THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE URGES THAT ON THIS DAY, THE ENTIRE
INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY REDEDICATE ITSELF TO SUPPORTING THE
STRUGGLE OF THE OPPRESSED PEOPLE OF SOUTH AFRICA FOR NATIONAL LIBER-
ATION AND RENEW ITS COMMITMENT TO TAKE CONCERTED ACTION AGAINST
THE APARTHEID REGIME AND ITS CRIMINAL POLICIES.

TWELVE YEARS AGO TODAY, THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY
ADOPTED RESOLUTION 1881 (XVIII) CALLING UPON THE APARTHEID REGIME OF
SOUTH AFRICA TO UNCONDITIONALLY RELEASE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS
AND ALL OTHER PERSONS IMPRISONED, INTERNED OR SUBJECT TO OTHER RE-
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STRICTIONS FOR THEIR OPPOSITION TO APARTHEID.

OVER THE YEARS, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND OTHER
ORGANS OF THE UNITED NATIONS HAVE REPEATEDLY CALLED ON THE SOUTH
AFRICAN REGIME TO GRANT UNCONDITIONAL AMNESTY TO ALL POLITICAL
PRISONERS, RESTRICTEES, REFUGEES AND EXILES. MOST RECENTLY, IN RE-
SOLUTION 3411 C (XXX), THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DECLARED THAT THE UNITED
NATIONS AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY "HAVE A SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY
TOWARDS THE OPPRESSED PEOPLE OF SOUTH AFRICA AND THEIR LIBERATION
MOVEMENTS, AND TOWARDS THOSE IMPRISONED, RESTRICTED OR EXILED
FOR THEIR STRUGGLE AGAINST APARTHEID". THE ASSEMBLY PLEDGED TO DEVOTE
INCREASING ATTENTION AND RESOURCES TOWARDS THE SPEEDY ERADICATION OF
APARTHEID.

SO FAR, THE SOUTH AFRICAN REGIME HAS IGNORED ALL APPEALS AND
DEMANDS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. IT CONTINUES TO ENACT
MORE AND MORE REPRESSIVE LEGISLATION, RESULTING IN MORE ARREST,
IMPRISONMENTS, BANISHMENTS AND EXILING OF THE OPPONENTS OF
APARTHEID. IN THE PAST FEW WEEKS ALONE, OVER 850 PERSONS HAVE
BEEN REPORTEDLY DETAINED UNDER NOTORIOUS LAWS SUCH AS THE
TERRORISM ACT AND THE INTERNAL SECURITY ACT WHICH PROVIDED FOR IN-
DEFINITE DETENTION INCOMMUNICADO. NUMEROUS DETAINEES HAVE BEEN TORTURED:
TWO RESPECTED LEADERS OF THE PEOPLE--JOSEPH MDULI AND MAPETLA
MOHAID, DIED IN DETENTION THIS YEAR.

THE RECENT KILLINGS AND INDISCRIMINATE VIOLENCE AGAINST THE
BLACK PEOPLE OF SOUTH AFRICA, INCLUDING NUMEROUS CHILDREN,
SINCE THE SOWETO MASSACRE OF 16 JUNE 1976, ARE A LIVING TESTIMONY
OF THE INTRANSIGENCE AND BARBARITY OF THE APARTHEID REGIME. THEY
ARE A REMINDER TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY THAT NO PEACEFUL CHANGE
IS POSSIBLE IN SOUTH AFRICA SO LONG AS THE RACIST REGIME CONTINUES
TO RESORT TO REPRESSION, INSTEAD OF ABANDONING APARTHEID AND SEEK-
ING A SOLUTION THROUGH CONSULTATIONS WITH THE GENUINE REPRESENTATIVES
OF ALL THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH AFRICA, ENABLING THEM TO EXERCISE THEIR
RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION.

THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE APPEALS ONCE AGAIN TO GOVERNMENTS, ORGAN-
IZATIONS, AND INDIVIDUALS TO REAFFIRM THEIR SOLIDARITY WITH THE
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SOUTH AFRICAN POLITICAL PRISONERS BY STEPPING UP THE CAMPAIGN FOR AN
UNCONDITIONAL AMNESTY FOR THE POLITICAL PRISONERS, RESTRICTEES AND
EXILES; BY ENSURING THE TOTAL ISOLATION OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN REGIME,
AND THE TERMINATION OF ALL CO-OPERATION WITH THE REGIME BY GOVER-
NMENTS, CORPORATIONS, AND ORGANIZATIONS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE UNITED
NATIONS RESOLUTIONS; AND BY RENDERING EFFECTIVE SUPPORT TO THE
OPPRESSED PEOPLE OF SOUTH AFRICA AND THEIR LIBERATION MOVEMENTS

IN THEIR LEGITIMATE STRUGGLE FOR LIBERATION. IT ENDORSES THE SUGGES-
TION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON THE ERDICATION OF APARTHEID
AND IN SUPPORT OF THE STRUGGLE FOR LIBERATION IN SOUTH AFRICA
HELD IN HAVANA, CUBA, FROM 24 TO 28 MAY 1976, THAT THE DAY OF
SOLIDARITY WITH SOUTH AFRICAN POLICAL PRISONERS BE OBSERVED
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD "THROUGH EXHIBITIONS, MEETINGS AND CAMPAIGNS
TO DRAW ATTION TO THOSE VALIANT PEOPLE WHO ARE IMPRISONED,
BANNED, DETAINED WITHOUT TRAIL, SUFFER HOUSE ARRESTS OR ARE IN
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